

WYCOMBE W. TAN LOWLY MAIDSTONE

Sports Mail Special Report

WYCOMBE Wanderers trounced the lowly-placed Maidstone United 5—0 in their Isthmian League game at Wycombe. The visitors were defending desperately most of the time.

Wycombe Wanderers: Maskell; Beck, Royston; Baker, Rundele, Gale; Worley, Samuels, Bates, Horseman, Merrick. Substitute: Sherbourne.

Maidstone: Apps; Teagle, Ring; Busby, McGuinness, Long; Monks, Searle, Constable, Waldyslaw, N. Colding.

Referee: L. Slimkins (Cheshunt).

Wycombe's first attack brought a shock for the visitors. Seizing on a through pass, centre forward PAUL BATES slung in a shot which goal-keeper Apps just managed to reach but failed to hold. This put Wycombe one up within a minute.

The Maidstone defence looked very shaky under strong Wycombe pressure and Apps did well on one occasion to stop Samuels who a little later headed only inches wide from a centre by Worley, in excellent form again on the right wing.

Play was confined largely to the Maidstone goal area and the visitors often had eight or nine men packing their goal. But on several occasions only over-eagerness in front prevented Wycombe from adding to their score.

In one breakaway attack

the Maidstone inside-right Searle sent in the best shot of the game to test Maskell who saved brilliantly.

The effort spurred Maidstone to a brief revival but there was little cohesion in their forward play.

When the Wanderers swarmed back to the attack HORSEMAN added a second for Wycombe from a pass by Bates shortly before half-time.

Half-time: Wycombe Wanderers 2, Maidstone Utd. 0.

Less than a minute after the restart Wycombe were another goal up when SAMUELS hooked in a fine shot which completed deceived Apps.

Three minutes later Samuels pushed across a pass which enabled BATES to add a fourth for the Wanderers.

Maidstone again packed their goal stubbornly but they were unable to prevent BATES from heading in a fifth from Horseman's centre in the 72nd minute.

RESULT:

WYCOMBE WAND. 5
MAIDSTONE 0

WYCOMBE GO ON A GOAL SPREE

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WYCOMBE, ONE of the Isthmian League's most prolific scoring teams, completed a total of 12 goals in two games within a week when they beat bottom-of-the-table Maidstone.

Wycombe took the lead in less than a minute with a smart goal from Bates, and Horseman added a second after half an hour. Only inside right Searle took the eye in an unimpressive Maidstone attack.

Some sparkling play between the Wycombe halves and forwards, with Worley and Horseman outstanding in a fast-moving attack, kept Maidstone almost continually on the defensive in the second half.

Samuels and Bates added two more goals within four minutes, but some brilliant saves by goal-keeper Apps checked the goal rush and Wycombe had to be content with one more from Bates.